

## Hunter Hotline!

### September 2009

Greetings to all:

I know everyone is excited about the opening weekend draw. We have completed the drawing and many of you are going to be very pleased. If the anticipation is becoming just too much, the party leaders who listed hunting license numbers can go to the hunt web page and see your results. Otherwise you are welcome to contact the Refuge at the number below and we will be happy to let you know your results. The staff and I will be sending out written notifications and permits the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>.

SUMP 1B - We have not drawn for Sump 1B yet. Sump 1B was dry this summer and we began flooding around August 28<sup>th</sup>. I want to make sure we will have enough water for a quality hunt before we draw. We will decide around September 8<sup>th</sup> and will send out notifications by the end of that week. As a reminder the draw list is only those of you who were successfully drawn for Tule Lake Marsh and checked the 1B box on your application. Keep your fingers crossed!

JUNIOR HUNTS - The *pre-season youth hunt* is coming up, *September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>*. This hunt is open to all licensed hunters 15 and under. **Let in time for this hunt is 5:00 a.m. Shoot times are 6:27 a.m. to 6:56 p.m.** Cal-Ore Wetlands and Waterfowl Council will be providing a free BBQ and youth raffle on Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the State Line RV Park located between the Refuges on State Line Road. There is no application, sign up, or lottery required for this hunt! Just bring your kids and have a great shoot!

There are three other youth hunts during the hunt season scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>. These hunts will be from 1:00 p.m. to the end of State regulated shoot time. There is no sign up required.

CROP HARVEST - Harvest is moving right along on the Tule Lake Refuge and I expect most grain fields to be ready for opening weekend. Harvest of row crops (potatoes and onions) will not be completed by opening day; some of those fields will be closed. The harvest on Lower Klamath Refuge is slow going and there may be the usual closed fields, however, we are anticipating plenty of space for the opener. As most of you are aware there is **no hunting allowed in un-harvested fields**. There will be signs posted indicating closed fields and notices at the Tule Lake check station. If you are not sure if a field is closed contact any of the hunt staff and we will be happy to help you out.

WATER - As of September 1<sup>st</sup> the water is running. At this point we anticipate normal levels in many of the marsh units. New this year I will be posting a map on the web page that will indicate habitat conditions in hunt area units and will update weekly with water levels. I anticipate this map to be posted by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

As a reminder to all, review the hunting regulation booklets, both State and Refuge. The opening of waterfowl season this year is October 10<sup>th</sup>. There were changes to the bag limits that you all will find to your benefit. Also make sure you have all of your stamps, including the HIP. Some vendors in the past either didn't know or forget. Remember it is ultimately your responsibility to know what you are supposed to have and to have it.

I hope to see you all soon, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at the refuge at 530-667-2231 or send me an email at [stacy\\_freitas@fws.gov](mailto:stacy_freitas@fws.gov)

